



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the **ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Stephen A. Del Guercio, Laura Olhasso, Donald R. Voss, Mayor Pro Tem David A. Spence, and Mayor Gregory C. Brown

Staff members present: City Manager Alexander, City Attorney Steres, Interim Director of Public Works Davis, Director of Community Development Stanley, City Treasurer Hemstreet, City Engineer Kwan, Public Safety Coordinator Stegner, and City Clerk Sessman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Margaret Pankratz.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brown opened the public comment period. There were no comments from the public.

PRESENTATIONS

The Public Safety Update for the Fire Department was presented by Chief Gil.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by David Hemstreet.

Staff Updates on City Projects were presented by City Manager Alexander, Interim Public Works Director Davis and Community Development Director Stanley.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Spence, seconded by Councilmember Olhasso, to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

1. Approval of Warrant Resolution No. 07-03 dated February 20, 2007, for \$1,518,480.04.
2. Receive and file Commission Meeting Agendas:
 - (a) Design Commission Action Agenda from the February 1, 2007 and the February 15, 2007 Meetings.
 - (b) Planning Commission Action Agenda from the February 13, 2007 Meeting.
 - (c) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda from the February 14, 2007 Meeting.
3. Receive and file Monthly Report of Investments for the period ending January 31, 2007.

BUSINESS ITEMS

4. Recruitment and Appointment of the City Treasurer

The staff report was presented by City Manager Alexander.

Mayor Brown **OPENED** public comment session. There was no one wishing to speak, therefore, Mayor Brown **CLOSED** the Public Comment session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Del Guercio, seconded by Councilmember Voss, to appoint Jeffrey Wang as City Treasurer of the City of La Cañada Flintridge and requested that staff send letters of appreciation to the other candidates. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Council thanked interim City Treasurer Hemstreet for his willingness, dedication and hard work as Interim City Treasurer.

Jeffrey Wang, newly appointed City Treasurer, thanked the City Council and staff and commented that he was looking forward to working with the community and the City.

5. Mayors' Memorial

City Manager Alexander presented the staff report and introduced Margaret Pankratz, Citizens Committee member, who was available to answer questions.

Mayor Brown **OPENED** the public comment session. There was no one wishing to speak, therefore, Mayor Brown **CLOSED** the Public Comment session.

Margaret Pankratz presented the proposed concept to the City Council and explained that the concept includes the purchase and installation of four (18" x 24") bronze plaques memorializing former Mayors mounted on the east soundwall of the park. She explained that each plaque would display an embossed portrait of the former Mayor along with their term(s) of office and a brief history of their contributions, and an historic summary of the activities that were taking place in the community at the time of their Mayoral service. In addition, the committee is suggesting a bronze plaque, surrounded by smaller bronze plaques, of every individual who has served as Mayor and their term(s) of office. She explained that this would be installed at or near the entrance of Mayors' Discovery Park.

Councilmember Del Guercio expressed his support for the project and for having it economically supported by the community. He expressed his support for having a tribute to the deceased mayors, but also expressed his uneasiness with the suggestion of having plaques for every individual who has served as Mayor.

Councilmember Voss expressed his support for the suggested location and the proposed concept of honoring the deceased Mayors. He also expressed unease with the names of the current Mayors being part of this tribute and suggested, instead, that the entryway plaque honor all Mayors without necessarily naming them.

Mayor Pro Tem Spence expressed his support for the picture of deceased Mayors and the entry plaque that says, "City of La Cañada Flintridge, Incorporated in 1976." He expressed his support for seeing this project move ahead.

Councilmember Olhasso thanked Margaret Pankratz and the Citizen Committee for their hard work and dedication to this project. She expressed her support for honoring and memorializing past Mayors and concurred with fellow Councilmembers regarding plaques for current Mayors.

Mayor Brown concurred with comments made by his colleagues and expressed his strong support for the embossed portrait of the former Mayors along with their term(s) of office. He felt a brief history of their contributions and an historic summary of the activities that were taking place in the community at the time of their Mayoral service would serve historical purposes as well as educational. In closing, he expressed his feeling that City funds should not be used to fund this project. He felt if it should be funded by community funds/donations.

There was a consensus of the City Council to provide concept approval for the Mayors' Memorial at Mayors' Discovery Park and direct the Citizens Committee to further refine the project, seek donations, and report back on the status of donations and final projected costs, before proceeding further. There were no objections.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Councilmembers' report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency – *None*

Councilmembers' reports regarding regional and local representation – *None*

Councilmembers' request for future agenda items

Mayor Pro Tem Spence requested that the City Council review the R-1 Ordinance related to "floor area review," specifically, the 80 foot frontage requirement for Director's Review. He expressed his desire to see the Director be given more flexibility.

In response, the City Council expressed concern with making piecemeal changes to the review standards set forth in the R-1 Ordinance but expressed their willingness to see staff's draft of criteria by which the Director would have discretionary review.

Councilmember Voss stated that he was willing to see staff's draft of criteria and then determine whether an action is required.

In response, Director Stanley stated that if there is a consensus of the City Council, he will bring back a report that has different options that may address some of the issues currently being faced by the Planning Department, as well as staff's recommended criteria. There were no objections.

Councilmembers' comments

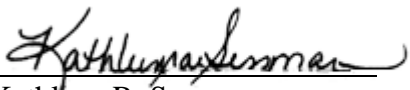
Mayor Brown commented on the educational and fire fighting benefits derived from the Fire Training Drills conducted during the recently planned burning of various homes located in the La Cañada Properties development area.

Mayor Brown announced that the Trail Dedication of the Indiana Overcrossing is being held this Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. and invited the community to join in the festivities.

City Manager and/or staff comments – *None*

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.


Kathleen R. Sessman
City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on April 2, 2007.